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ACP-EU JOINT ASSEMBLY

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RESOLUTION[1]

on the occupation of East Timor by Indonesia

The ACP-EU Joint Assembly,

- meeting in Luxembourg from 23 to 27 September 1996,
- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in East Timor,

A. having regard to the illegal occupation of East Timor by Indonesia,

B. whereas the Indonesian military repression of the people of East Timor is still going on and has been stepped up in the last few days, particularly in the case of young people,

C. profoundly concerned by incidents that occurred in Baucau from 9 to 11 June 1996, sparked off by the desecration of a Catholic religious image, which led to protests by several hundred young Timorese and repression by Indonesian security forces; and by the outcome of these events, with at least two dead, a number of wounded and dozens of arrests of young demonstrators,

D. whereas the Indonesian Government is continuing to ignore every comment made by the international community calling for human rights to be respected and the right of the people of East Timor to self-determination to be upheld,

E. having regard to the representations made by the Portuguese prime minister to the Indonesian President at the Euro-Asian Summit in Bangkok, and the action taken thereon,

F. deploring the fact that a 25-year old East Timorese, Imanuel Suares, was shot dead by police in Jakarta on 7 June 1996,

G. whereas hundreds of political prisoners are still being held on the island and in Indonesia,

1. Condemns once again the Indonesian military repression of the people of East Timor and expresses its solidarity with the victims and their families;

2. Deplores the provocative action against freedom of worship;

3. Reaffirms its solidarity with the people of East Timor in its campaign for self-determination and its condemnation of the illegal occupation of East Timor;

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[1] Adopted by the ACP-EU Joint Assembly on 26 September 1996 in Luxembourg.

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4. Calls for the immediate release of all political prisoners, including Mr Xanana Gusmao;

5. Reaffirms its support for the action taken under the aegis of the United Nations to resolve the situation, in respect of human rights and the right to self-determination;

6. Wishes the Indonesian Government to act on the Portuguese Government's initiative;

7. Repeats its call on all Member States of the European Union to stop all military assistance and any arms sales to Indonesia;

8. Calls on the Commission to report on the situation in East Timor and do everything to assist that end;

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the ACP-EU Council, the Commission, the Indonesian Government, the UN Secretary-General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.